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SUBJECT: GDR PROTESTS VOTE OF BERLIN DEPUTIES

1. BONN DATELINED REPORT ON SCHEEL'S ELECTION AS FRG PRESIDENT BY ADN CORRESPONDENT, DIETER WOLF, CARRIED NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, MAY 16, ACCUSED FRG OF CONTRAVENTION OF QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON BERLIN BY PERMITTING WEST BERLIN DEPUTIES IN BUNDESTAG TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT.

2. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ REJECTED GDR PROTEST, MAY 16, WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE PROTEST RAISED BY THE GDR OVER THE PARTICIPATION OF BERLIN DELEGATES IN THE ELECTION OF THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT IS ANOTHER INTENTIONAL FALSIFICATION AND MISREPRESENTATION OF THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. THE AGREEMENT EXPRESSLY PROVIDES THAT THE TIES (BINDUGEN) BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WILL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED, AT THE SAME TIME TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE

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SECTORS "AS BEFORE" ARE NOT A CONSTITUENT PART (KONSTITUTIVER)

TEL) OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND CONTINUE NOT TO BE GOVERNED
BY IT. "AS BEFORE" MEANS ALSO, THAT THE FEDERAL
PRESIDENT IS TO BE ELECTED AS HE ALWAYS HAS BEEN BY
THE VOTES OF BERLINEJS..... THAT THE PRESIDENT OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS BEEN AND WILL BE
ELECTED WITH THE VOTES OF BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES, IS
KNOWN BY ALL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES, EAST AND WEST.
ALSO EAST BLOC DIPLOMATS HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO
THIS FACT. AND SO TOO MUST THE STANDING REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE GDR IN SHORT ORDER LEARN TO ACCEPT THESE EXISTING
REALITIES." (COMMENT: ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE THAT
PHRASE "AS BEFORE" REPRESENTS LITERAL
TRANSLATION OF GERMAN VERSION OF QA, RATHER THAN
OFFICIAL ENGLISH WORD "CONTINUES", BUT FORMER FITS
BETTER IN CONTEXT.) KLEIN

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